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Dear General Griswold:

I accept with pleasure your invitation to address the annual Defense Strategy Seminar at 8:45 a. m. on Friday, 17 July.

The subject "Exploiting the Vulnerabilities of the Communist World" is one which I believe must be approached most carefully and with due respect for the formidable strength possessed by the Iron Curtain countries. I should prefer, therefore, to stress a balanced assessment of strengths and weaknesses and to emphasize the dangers as well as the opportunities which they present for our national security policies.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. McCone:

The National War College, under the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will conduct the annual Defense Strategy Seminar during the period 5 - 18 July 1964. The Seminar brings together approximately 230 selected Reserve Officers, prominent in their communities and representing a large cross section of civilian professions, particularly business, education and law.

The curriculum of the Seminar covers a wide range of problems facing the United States today, with the objective of developing a greater appreciation of both the national and international aspects of U. S. national security in the Cold War. In the short time available, we strive to stimulate added interest and thought relative to plans, programs and strategies in support of the national objectives, so that the participants may better understand the mutuality of military and civilian interests involved in securing and maintaining the nation's security.

It gives me great pleasure to extend to you a most cordial invitation to address the members of the Seminar on the subject, "Exploiting the Vulnerabilities of the Communist World," at 8:45 a.m., Friday, 17 July. The scope of the subject would be to assess the weaknesses and vulnerabilities of the communist system and to discuss ways in which they may be exploited.

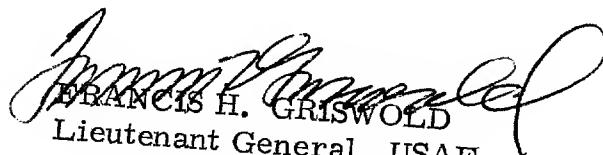
The members of the Defense Strategy Seminar will have security clearance through SECRET. You should have no concern as to how freely you may speak during your lecture or the question and answer period. All your remarks will be held in strictest confidence, and will not be attributed to you by members of the Seminar outside of The National War College.

In the event you desire additional information or assistance in preparing your address, please do not hesitate to call on any of us here at the College. Captain Ernest M. Beauchamp, USN, (Oxford 5-8491) is our faculty member most familiar with the Defense Strategy Seminar-64. He will be available to you at any time.

Aware of your complex schedule, we remain hopeful that you will find it possible to accept our invitation and thus lend your experience and prestige to our Seminar.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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The Honorable John A. McCone  
Director  
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